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Recent Activities in USAID

Release of USAID's Biodiversity Policy

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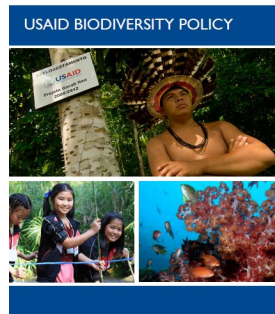
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On Tuesday, July 8, 2014, Administrator Shah launched the USAID's first ever Biodiversity Policy, which serves as a blueprint for how USAID will work to achieve its vision of conserving biodiversity for sustainable, resilient development.

The stewardship of natural resources can no longer be seen as an issue separate from the core concerns of society: tackling poverty, increasing food security, improving public health, and managing the growing impacts of climate change. Biodiversity contributes to agricultural productivity through insect pollination valued at about \$210 billion, or 9.5 percent of world agricultural output. A bio-diverse ecosystem plays an important role in mitigating natural disasters—coral reefs and mangroves are a natural buffer against storms on coastal populations. Biodiversity is the basis for sustainable enterprises as well. As a first measure in implementing the USAID Biodiversity Policy, USAID will spend more than \$210 million to conserve nature in more than 50 countries — including an anticipated \$40 million to combat wildlife trafficking.

We consider the stewardship of nature a critical and effective strategy for ending extreme poverty and fostering resilient societies. With this Policy, USAID is well positioned to chart a development path that nourishes, rather than depletes, natural capital.

—Rajiv Shah, USAID Administrator



USAID'S BLUEPRINT FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

VISION:
TO CONSERVE
BIODIVERSITY
FOR
SUSTAINABLE,
RESILIENT
DEVELOPMENT

GOALS:

- 1: Conserve biodiversity in priority places.
- 2: Integrate biodiversity as an essential component of human development.

OBJECTIVES:

- Support enabling conditions for biodiversity conservation;
- Reduce priority drivers and threats to biodiversity;
- Integrate conservation and development for improved biodiversity and development outcomes;
- Build partnerships to mobilize resources in support of biodiversity conservation;
- Influence key international policies in support of biodiversity conservation; and
- Apply science, technology and learning to enhance biodiversity conservation practice.



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USAID Announcements at the U.S.-African Leaders' Summit

In the week of August 4th, President Obama rolled out the red carpet to welcome 50 African delegations from across the continent to Washington, DC for a three-day summit. The theme of the summit was "Investing in the Next Generation," and it was an opportunity to discuss ways of stimulating growth and unlocking business opportunities. Discussions centered on how to promote inclusive development, expand trade and investment ties, engage young African leaders, and expand cooperation on peace and security - all to ensure a better future for Africa's next generation.



Administrator Shah at the Summit (right)

USAID
announcements at the
Summit covers
food security,
health,
civil society,
Gender,
Power Africa and
wild life trafficking.

USAID's
commitments
include:

Food Security, Climate Smart Agriculture and Resilience

- Global Resilience Partnership - \$100 million Global Partnership for Resilience (GPR) launched by USAID and The Rockefeller Foundation.
- Support for Climate-Smart Agriculture: the United States expressed strong support for the concept of a Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA), and invited African countries to join the United States in announcing their intention to join such an Alliance, slated for launch on September 23.
- Agriculture insurance to help farmers thrive.

Power Africa

- Increase in USG Funding for Power Africa – pledging a new level of \$300 million in assistance per year to expand the reach of Power Africa across the continent.
- Increase in Power Africa Private Sector Commitments – private sector commitments now exceed \$20 billion of investment in energy projects in sub-Saharan Africa.
- The U.S. government signed memoranda of understanding (MOU)'s with the initial six focus countries.
- New Power Africa Partnerships with the Government of Sweden, the World Bank Group, and the African Development Bank (AfDB).

Wildlife Trafficking

- Selected Key New and Continuing Programs in Africa – New and continuing wildlife trafficking programs in Mozambique, Tanzania and Kenya.

Health

- Health Financing Framework - The US commits to "Accelerating Action in Africa" (AAA) to end preventable child and maternal deaths.
- New Award to Address Emerging Priorities in RMNCH - The USAID is pleased to announce a new \$23 million program to address emerging priorities in reproductive, maternal and newborn health.
- Technical & Financial Support for Regulatory Harmonization Efforts in Africa - USG is committing \$1.5 million to the Multi Donor Trust Fund set up by the World Bank to support the medicines regulatory harmonization project of the East Africa Community.
- Renewed Commitment to Reducing Preventable Malaria Deaths in Africa - Since 2006, the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) has provided \$3.7 billion to sub-Saharan Africa.

Civil Society

- Africa Regional Legal Education Curriculum
- Civil Society Enabling Environment Summit

Gender

- Announce grants on Women, Peace, and Security.
- USAID will support the AU's focus on women in agriculture.
- USAID partners with the Inter-Parliamentary Union to increase attention among parliaments in East and Southern Africa to address gender issues.



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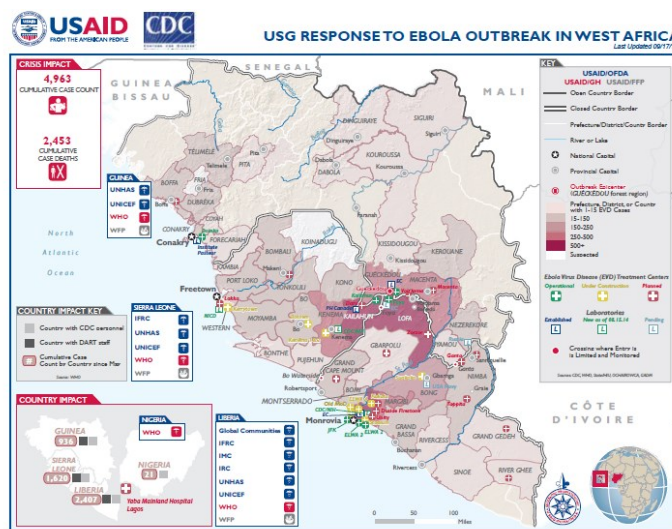


The Fight against the Ebola Epidemic

The number of suspected and confirmed Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) cases continues to increase. WHO categorizes Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone as having widespread and intense EVD transmission and Nigeria as having localized transmission.

Until September 18, more than 5357 cases have already been confirmed in West Africa, and more than 2630 people have died. On September 4, 2014, Administrator Shah announced that USAID is committing up to an additional \$75 million—bringing the total U.S. commitment for the Ebola crisis to nearly \$100 million.

These resources will help provide 1,000 new beds, 130,000 sets of personal protective equipment, and 50,000 hygiene kits.



What's New in Beijing USAID

The 6th Round of U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogues

At the Sixth Round of the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue (S&ED) July 9-10, 2014, in Beijing, State Councilor Yang Jiechi, special representative of President Xi Jinping, and Secretary of State John Kerry, special representative of President Barack Obama, chaired the Strategic Track, which included participation from senior officials from across both governments. The two sides reviewed the successful implementation of the Strategic Track outcomes of the Fifth Round of the S&ED, held in-depth discussions on major bilateral, regional, and global issues, and recommitted to the S&ED's role in deepening strategic trust, expanding practical cooperation, and constructively managing differences to build a new model of relations between the United States and China. The dialogue on the Strategic Track produced the following specific outcomes and areas for further cooperation:

- I. Enhancing Bilateral Cooperation
- II. Addressing Regional and Global Challenges
- III. Sub-National Cooperation
- IV. Cooperation on Energy and Climate Change
- V. Cooperation on Environmental Protection
- VI. Cooperation on Science, Technology, and Agriculture
- VII. Cooperation on Health
- VIII. Bilateral Dialogues on Energy, Environment, Science and Technology

This year marks a special milestone in the U.S.-China relationship—it is the 35th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between our two great nations. Today, instead of living detached from each other as we did 35 years ago, the United States and China embrace the benefits of strengthening ties and acknowledge the growing interdependence of our economic destinies.

—President's Statement to the 6th S&ED

Ms. Maria Rendon, USAID Counselor in Beijing, participated in the 6th Round of U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogues taking place in Beijing from July 8–10.

Ms. Rendon was a speaker in the breakout session on combating wildlife trafficking and she introduced USAID's major work in this field in the world and particularly in Asia.





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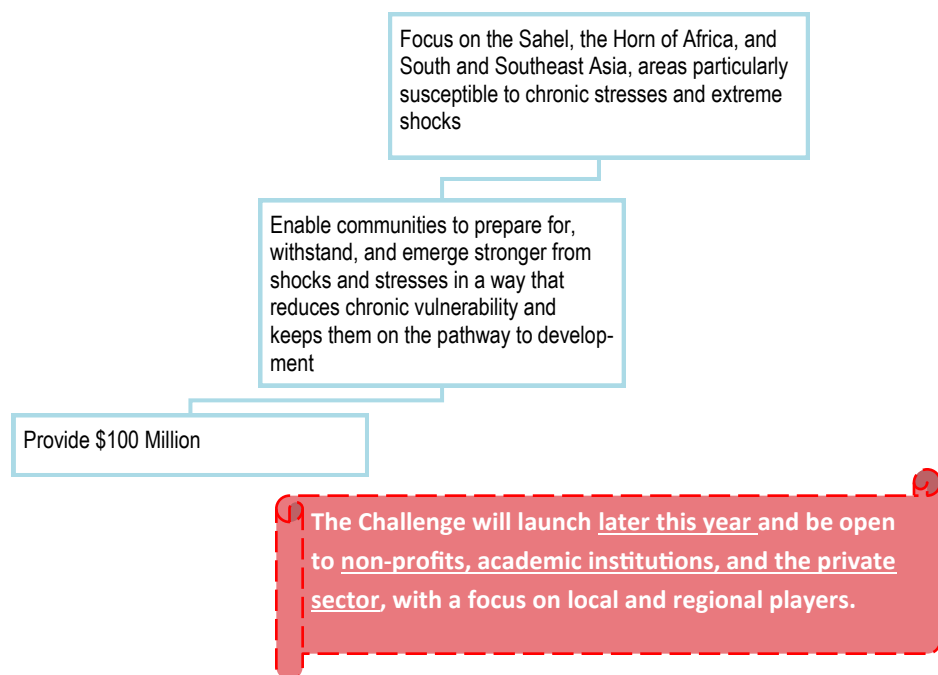
Our Mission:
We partner to end
extreme poverty and
promote resilient,
democratic societies
while
advancing our security
and prosperity.

Through this newsletter, we hope we can have
more interactive communication with colleagues
in the
development sector, and your comments and sug-
gestions are highly appreciated.

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sending emails to
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USAID and Rockefeller Foundation Announce Global Resilience Partnership

An essential feature of the Global Resilience Partnership will be a competitive Resilience **Challenge**—a call out to the best and brightest to present bold and innovative solutions to the toughest challenges facing priority regions.



DO YOU KNOW?

over the last 30 years,

§ total development losses as a result of recurring crises represent \$3.8 trillion worldwide.

§ The number of weather-related disasters has tripled, and the cost is up 300 percent to \$200 billion every year.

§ While low-income countries were hit by only 9 percent of these disasters, they represented 48 percent of all fatalities.